

What is claimed is: Patent Claims:

1 1(currently amended). Sanitary fitting, with
2 1.1 a valve body (1),
3 1.2 a mixer cartridge (3) located in the valve body (1), which
4 1.2.1 ~~features, and~~ an operating shaft (7) associated with the mixer
5 cartridge,
6 1.3 an operating grip (8, 18) for operating the mixer cartridge (3),
7 ~~which 1.3.1, wherein the operating grip~~ can be connected with the
8 operating shaft (7) of the mixer cartridge (3),
9 1.4 a locking device for connecting securing the operating grip (8,
10 ~~18) connected with the operating shaft (7), secure~~ against removal, ~~same~~
11 ~~device 1.4.1 is~~ said locking device being formed such that ~~it~~ the locking
12 device does not act between the operating grip (8, 18) and the operating
13 shaft (7).

1 2(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 1, wherein the
2 locking device at least comprises ~~features~~ two interacting locking elements,
3 ~~of which, the one is~~ one of said locking elements being provided on the
4 operating grip (8, 18) and ~~the other is~~ another of said locking elements
5 being provided on the valve body (1).

1 3(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 2, wherein the
2 locking element located on the valve body (1) forms a part of a ~~the~~ means
3 for ~~of~~ fixing the mixer cartridge (3).

1 4(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 2 ~~or~~ 3, wherein
2 the locking element located on the valve body (1) is a part of the valve body
3 (1).

1 5(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 2 ~~one of claims~~
2 ~~2 to 4~~, wherein the locking element located on valve body (1) is a part of an
3 ~~the outlet (11)~~ of the sanitary fitting.

1 6(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 2 ~~one of claims~~
2 ~~2 to 5~~, wherein the locking element located on valve body ~~(1)~~ is comprises a
3 sleeve ~~(4,24)~~.

1 7(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 2 ~~one of claims~~
2 ~~2 to 6~~, wherein the locking element located on valve body ~~(1)~~ is comprises a
3 union nut.

1 8(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 2 ~~one of claims~~
2 ~~2 to 7~~, wherein the locking element located on the operating grip ~~(8, 18)~~ is
3 comprises a flange ~~(10)~~.

1 9(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 2 ~~one of the~~
2 ~~preceding claims~~, wherein ~~a~~ the surface facing away from the mixer cartridge
3 ~~(3)~~ on the locking element of the operating grip ~~(8, 18)~~ is a part of one of
4 either a cylindrical surface and or a spherical surface.

1 10(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 8 ~~or 9~~, wherein
2 the flange ~~(10)~~ is formed such that the flange ~~it~~ covers ~~a~~ the passage
3 opening for the operating shaft ~~(7)~~ preferably in all possible positions of the
4 mixer cartridge ~~(3)~~.

1 11(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 2 ~~one of claims~~
2 ~~2 to 10~~, wherein further comprising a seal ~~is~~ located between the two
3 locking elements of the locking device.

1 12(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 11, wherein the
2 ~~a~~ seal is fitted on a side of one of the locking elements located on the
3 ~~side of locking element with fitting~~.

1 13(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 11 ~~or 12~~,
2 wherein the seal comprises ~~features~~ a section with ~~a~~ sliding surface finish.

1 14(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 1 ~~one of the~~
2 ~~preceding claims~~, wherein the fixing means of the operating grip (8, 18) on
3 the operating shaft (7) ~~in the circumferential direction is provided between~~
4 ~~these two parts~~ **is arranged on a circumference around the operating**
5 **grip and the operating shaft**.

1 15(new). Sanitary fitting according to claim 3, wherein the locking
2 element located on the valve body is a part of the valve body.

1 16(new). Sanitary fitting according to claim 2, wherein the locking
2 element located on valve body is a part of an outlet of the sanitary fitting and
3 a part of one of the valve body and a means for fixing the mixer cartridge.

1 17(new). Sanitary fitting according to claim 10, wherein the flange covers
2 the passage opening for the operating shaft in all possible positions of the
3 mixer cartridge.